

made to reference these sequences by their SEQ ID NOS. These amendments are editorial in nature and do not constitute new matter.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Claims Fee

Claims 8, 11, and 15 as filed are improper, therefore these claims and their dependants are counted as one claim making the total claim count to 27. 29 claims were paid for on April 3, 2001, therefore the Applicants feel that the additional claims fee of \$288.00 is not necessary. If the Commissioner disagrees then he is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional claims fees.

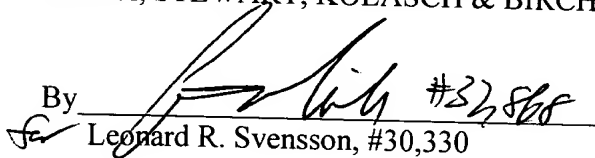
Extension of Time

A one (1) month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 37 C.F.R. §1.17 has been petitioned for and the applicable fees have been paid in the accompanying response to the Notice to File Missing Parts filed on August 10, 2001 for the present application number.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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